

ENERGY STAR® Fast Facts



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Fast Facts about ENERGY STAR Qualified Clothes Washers

- ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers use superior designs that require 35 — 50 percent less water than standard clothes washers to thoroughly clean clothes. The average family can save more than 6,000 gallons of water each year — more than an individual drinks in a lifetime!
- ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers use 50 — 70 percent less energy than conventional models. These washers save energy through better design and reduction of hot water needs. A family could save up to \$90 each year in energy and water costs by using an ENERGY STAR qualified machine.
- Consumers can choose between two designs with cutting-edge technology: top-loading or front-loading models. Both designs will give consumers clean clothes, using less water and energy than conventional machines.
- Front-loading ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers are similar in design to washers used in laundromats. This horizontal-axis or tumble-action machine repeatedly spins and drops clothes, instead of moving them around a central axis.
- Top-loading ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers use sensor technology to closely control incoming water temperature. To reduce water consumption, these models spray clothes with repeated high-pressure rinses to remove soap residue.
- Gentler washing cycles of ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers mean better fabric care for laundry.
- Some ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers match hot water needs to the load. This prevents water waste and energy waste.
- The super capacity baskets of ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers are able to handle bulky items like blankets and rugs easily.
- Many ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers are designed to fit under counters or stack together, bringing the benefits of ENERGY STAR qualified washers to consumers who have little space.
- Some ENERGY STAR qualified washers use faster spin speeds for better water extraction. Clothes require less drying time, saving an additional 25 percent of the energy a clothes dryer uses.
- ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers are made by leading appliance manufacturers that consumers know and trust. Consumers can find ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers at retailers across the country, including Circuit City, Sears, and Wards.